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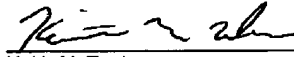
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Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 29, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on December 29, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. A one month extension fee is included on an attached fee sheet. Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/005840.03/KMT for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.